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Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D. C. 20554

To Whom It May Concern:

I respectfully submit my comments in response to the NPRM WC Docket No. 13-184 released on July 9, 2019. My district is an urban Arkansas district with an enrollment of approximately 8,200 students and a Category 2 budget discount rate of 85%.

I urge you to continue funding Category 2 projects as well as a full reset of the Category 2 budget every 5 years. Additionally, an increase in the per pupil funding is greatly needed. It's also important to provide funds district-wide instead of based on each campus enrollment. A district-wide formula will allow the school district to apply our funds to our schools with the greatest need. We strive for equity at each of campuses. Our goal of having laptops for every student is in process but having adequate infrastructure to meet that goal is critical.

Our smallest campus enrollment is approximately 200 students while the high school has an enrollment of just over 2,000 students. Obviously, the needs for technology are greater at the high school. In order to have adequate infrastructure we have to other funds to pay for upgrades. Continuing the current scenario, we would have to use more of the operating budget for additional infrastructure, thereby, reducing funds available for other student resources.

I hope you choose to continue to support the E-Rate C2 program supporting critical infrastructure for our students.

Sincerely,
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